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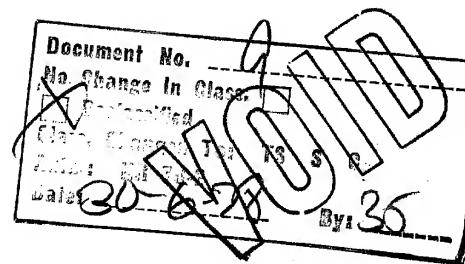
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1. The reported existence of ten Soviet airborne divisions in the Baltic area of Poland remains unsubstantiated. The only large concentration of Soviet troops in Poland, in addition to the troops in Legnica, Silesia, is reported to be located in a wooded area near Lodz. This unit, approximately one division in strength, is confined to the camp area which is off-limits to civilians.
2. The drafting into the Polish armed forces of all able-bodied men of the 1929 and 1930 classes was begun in October 1950 and was still in progress in mid-November 1950. Draftees are assigned to the army, navy, air force, the WOP (Border Guard Brigades), or the KBW (Security Corps). The class of 1927, which had been scheduled for release during 1950, is being retained in the army with only a small percentage of this age group—those who served with the KBW or the WOP—being demobilized. The Polish officer corps is being enlarged by 50 percent, most of the additional personnel being Soviet field grade officers who are brought into Poland and put into Polish uniforms. The strength of the WOP is to be increased from the present 12 brigades to 24 brigades. All Polish WOP field grade officers are being replaced by Soviets. Of the present 12 WOP brigades, the 5th WOP Brigade is located in Bialystok, the 6th in Chelm, the 7th in Przemysl, the 8th in Krosno, the 9th in Gliwice, and one brigade each in Luban, Krosno-Odrzanskie and Szczecin.



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